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KITTERY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG SALES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Matthew Bordalo, 25 of Kittery Point, Maine, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court to two counts of aiding and abetting the sales of ecstasy in March 2005. The sales occurred within 1000 feet of the University of New Hampshire campus.

A sentencing hearing will be held on September 5, 2006. Bordalo faces a statutory maximum of 20 years for each sale. However, under the federal sentencing guidelines, his sentence is likely to be much lower than the statutory maximum.

On March 21, 2005 and on March 30, 2005, Bordalo drove another person to the vicinity of the University of New Hampshire campus and watched as the person sold or agreed to sell 3,4 methylenedioxymethamphetamine, commonly known as ecstasy, to an undercover agent. Bordalo was arrested on March 30, 2005. The material that was sold to the undercover agent was tested by the State Police Forensic Laboratory and found to be ecstasy, a controlled substance. Users of ecstasy will often experience a general feeling of euphoria and are usually unaware of the drug's dangerous, and sometimes lethal, effect on body temperature and hydration.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This office will continue to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement in the war against illegal drugs. This case proves that the threat posed by sale of dangerous illegal drugs is not just confined to our cities, but is found everywhere - even on our University campuses. We will work hard to investigate and prosecute drug dealers wherever we find them."

This case was investigated by the Durham Police Department headed by Chief David Kurz and University of New Hampshire Police Department headed by Chief Nicholas Halias. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Assistant Don Feith.